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amended
- (2) receiving a movement related signal indicating successive locations with respect to the display;
 - (3) in response to a succession of dwell events, each associated respectively with an intersection of one of the successive locations and one of the subregions adjacent the display, selecting the sequence of one or more letters associated with each subregion associated with each dwell event, and appending the selected sequence to at least one previously selected sequence; and
 - (4) speaking, by means of the voice output device, the word spelled by the appended sequences.

II. PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant provisionally elects Species VI, entitled "speech synthesis", which reads on (a) generic claims 1-2, 4-6, 14, 39-46, 49-53, 67-68, 71-72, 78, 81, 85-86, and 105; and (b) claims directed to Species VI consisting of claims 73, 80, 91, 94, 98, 101, 104, and 106 of the present Application as amended by Applicant Document Number 032-04 dated 14 February 1996 and Applicant Document Number 032-08 dated 17 April 1996.

III. REMARKS

In the Election of Species Requirement dated 21 March 1996, the Examiner identified fifteen species. Two of those species are in fact generic to other species. The two are Species XI, entitled "remaining dwell time" and Species XIII, entitled "virtual regions". Their classifications are addressed below. The titles to these and all other Species were created by the Examiner and do not represent the Applicant's characterization of the subject matter encompassed by these Species. Three claims, specifically claims 6, 79 and 86, were not classified as designating certain species. Arguments for the classification of each of these claims are presented below.

The generic nature of Species XI remaining dwell time is illustrated by new claims 90, 91, 92 and 93. New claims 91, 92, and 93, each dependent upon claim 90, read respectively on Species VI, entitled "speech synthesis", Species VIII, entitled "submenu", and Species IX, entitled "selection depends on a dwell which depends on first and second selectable regions". Since remaining dwell time is generic,

claim 90 as well as claim 14, classified by the Examiner as designating Species XI remaining dwell time, are properly classified as generic.

The generic nature of Species XIII virtual regions is illustrated by new claims 94, 95, 96 and 97. Claims 94 includes an invisible selectable region and reads on Species VI speech synthesis. Claim 95 also includes an invisible selectable region. Claims 96 and 97, each dependent upon claim 95, read respectively on Species VIII submenus and Species IX selection depends on a dwell which depends on first and second selectable regions. Since virtual regions are generic, claim 95 as well as claims 4 and 78, classified by the Examiner as designating Species XIII virtual regions, are properly classified as generic.

The generic nature of unclassified claim 6 is illustrated by new claims 98, 99, and 100, each dependent upon claim 6. Claims 98, 99, and 100 read respectively on Species VI speech synthesis, Species IX selection depends on a dwell which depends on first and second selectable regions, and Species X device controller. Claim 6 is properly classified as generic.

Unclassified claim 79 appears to designate Species V confiner.

The generic nature of unclassified claim 86 is illustrated by new claims 101, 102, and 103, each dependent upon claim 86. Claims 101, 102, and 103 read respectively on Species VI speech synthesis, Species IX selection depends on a dwell which depends on first and second selectable regions, and Species X device controller. Claim 86 is properly classified as generic.

New claims 104 and 106 each read on Species VI speech synthesis. New claim 105 is generic.

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